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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to an office action dated October 18, 2006 in the above-identified application, which imposed a requirement for restriction on applicant, applicant provisionally selects Group II(a) (claims 1-12) and further provisionally elects species of methylamine for examination. Claims 1-5 and 9-12 in the selected group read on the elected species.

The restriction requirement is traversed in that such requirements are optional in all cases. MPEP § 803. If the search and examination of a set of claims can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they may arguably be directed at distinct or independent inventions. MPEP § 803. Applicant respectfully submits that groups I and II claims are directed at highly related subject matter and thus can be examined together without serious burden. On the contrary, it will be unnecessarily burdensome on both applicant and the patent office to consider the highly related subject matter in several separate patent applications.

No fee is believed due in connection with this submission. However, if a fee is due in this or any subsequent response, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Likewise, no extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, should any extension be required in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a petition for the appropriate extension of time and a request to charge the petition fee due to the same Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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